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RE: Docket No. RM 2017-12

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of Our Sunday Visitor, Inc. and our beneficiaries, clients, and members. We depend heavily on the U.S. Mail to raise funds and communicate with our supporters.

We believe that the current system for calculating the percentage of nonprofit Marketing Mail works. We are not able to increase our budget as fast as the proposed change in the calculation would increase postage costs. Any expense such as postage that exceeds our means will lead to a necessary reduction in our use of mail. If we are obliged to reduce mailing, our revenue will suffer immediately and we will be forced to reduce the services that so many depend on.

Increases in postage to this degree will lead us to reduce the main elements of our critical mission. Our Sunday Visitor, Inc. serves over 10,000 Roman Catholic diocese, parishes, and related entities within the Roman Catholic Church. Higher postage rates for these clients will force permanent reduction in mailing habits and use of the mail in all aspects. Many churches and Catholic organizations currently struggle to spread their mission for evangelization and strengthening the church due to lack of budgetary funds. As a nonprofit ourselves, higher postage rates would lessen the funds invested into the Our Sunday Visitor Institute. The Our Sunday Visitor Institute seeks, supports and encourages innovative Church-related activities and programs with priority in Catechesis, Vocations, Evangelization, and Advancing the Culture of Life. The impact would be detrimental for all aspects of the Church.

Please do not change the current calculation system that was implemented by the Postal Service ten years ago.

Very Truly Yours,



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